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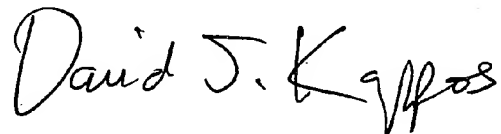
The drawing sheets, consisting of Figs. 3a, 3b and 5, should be deleted to be replaced with the drawing sheets, consisting of Figs. 3a, 3b and 5, as shown on the attached pages.

COLUMN 7, LINE 52, change "for sec ond" to --for second--

CLAIM 45,
COLUMN 12, LINE 47, change "The structure of claim **41**," to --The structure of claim **44**,--

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(54) **METALLIZATION STRUCTURES FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE INTERCONNECTS, METHODS FOR MAKING SAME, AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES INCLUDING SAME**

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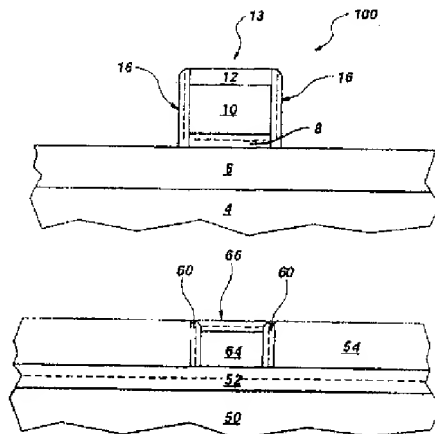
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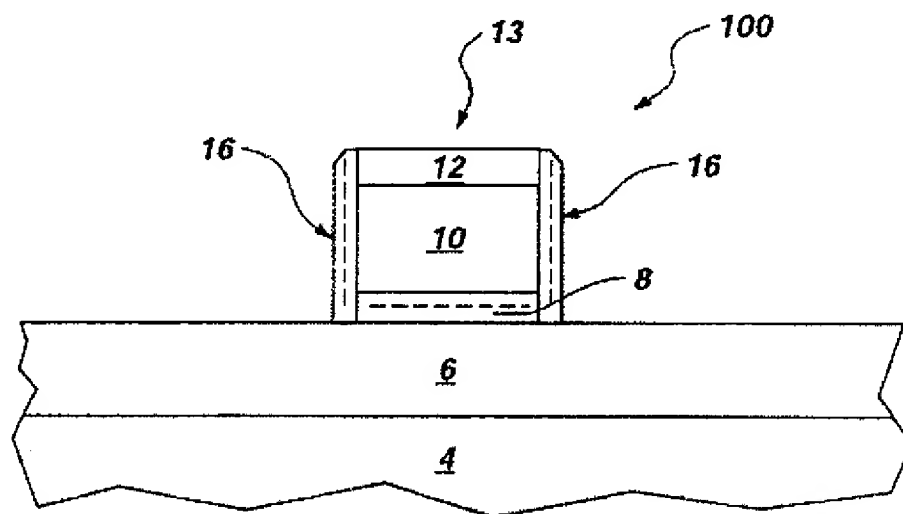


Fig. 3a

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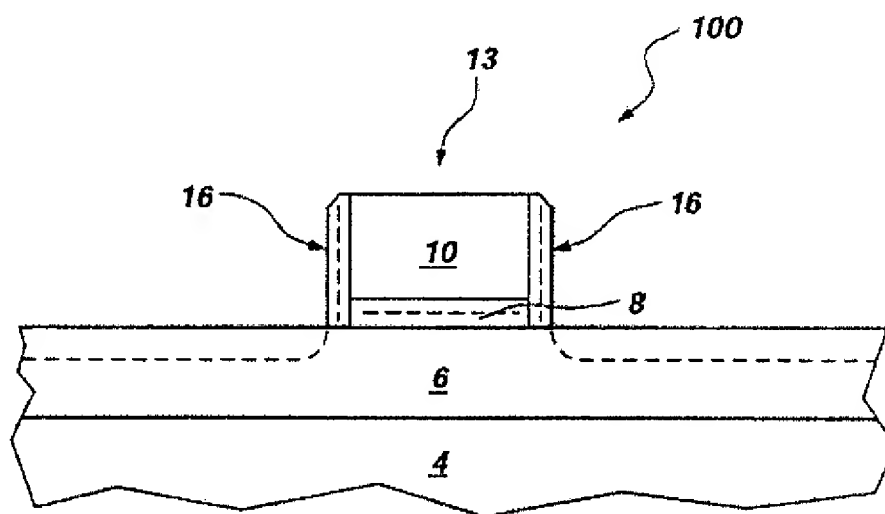


Fig. 3b

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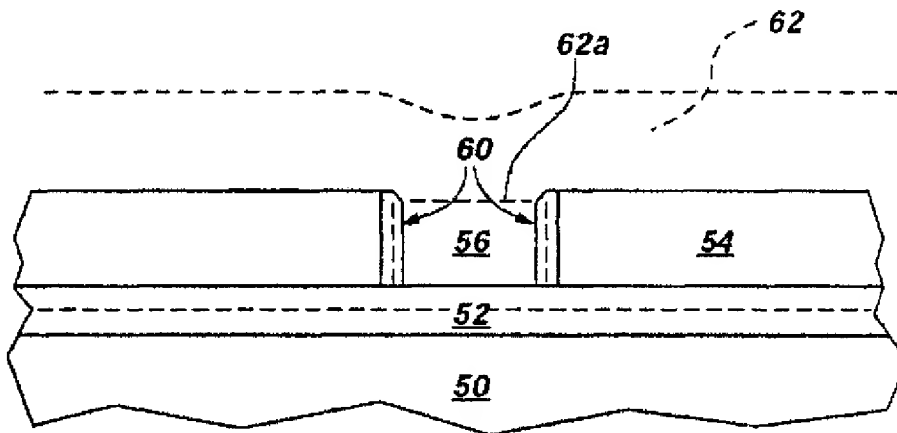


Fig. 5